

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2748 without my signature.

This bill would provide that if the polling place designated for any precinct has been relocated from the location used during the preceding two consecutive statewide elections, the elections official must post a notice of the location of the new polling place in a format and manner deemed appropriate by the official.

While I support efforts to encourage voter participation, this bill is unnecessary because a voter already receives sufficient notification of his or her correct polling place on the sample ballot. Not only is the address of the polling place clearly marked, but it is prominently highlighted when it has changed from the previous election. A voter can also locate his or her polling place by calling the Secretary of State's office or local county elections office, by visiting the Secretary of State's website, and, in most counties, by checking the county elections website. A voter may even cast a provisional ballot at a different polling place, which will be counted once it can be verified.

For these reasons I am unable to support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger